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# Yale University School of Nursing

## ALUMNAE BULLETIN

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### ALUMNAE DAY

Alumnae Day for the Yale University School of Nursing will be held Saturday, February 24, 1951, with the expectation that more of the alumnae will be able to attend on the week-end rather than the middle of the week. Prospective students are also being invited. A full and interesting program, built around the recent White House Conference on Children and Youth, has been planned.

Alumnae and prospective students will register at the Yale University School of Nursing from 9:00 to 10:00 in the morning. No fee is required. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Seminar Room. In the Beaumont Room from 10:00 A. M. to 12 Noon the following lectures will be presented: "The Newborn—Our Keystone," Dr. Edith B. Jackson, Clinical Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry; "The Child, One to Five," Dr. Sally Provence, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics of the Child Study Center; "Concepts of the White Conference as found in the Y.S.N. Curriculum," Miss Elizabeth S. Bixler.

The afternoon session will convene at 2:30 P. M., and a choice of two panel discussions will be offered. Miss Pauline Kummer '44, Pediatric Supervisor, Miss Mary Kopenhagen '46, Nurse in Charge Children's Center, Miss Marion Russell '29, Associate Professor Psychiatric Nursing and Miss Elizabeth Bixler will discuss the White House Conference. A question period will follow.

"The Parent-Child relationships in the hospital, of the child, one to five" will be the subject reviewed by a panel consisting of Dr. Robert Cooke, Pediatric Resident, Mrs. Helen Southon Taffel '41, Miss Tina DiMaggio '47, Pediatric Administrative

Supervisor, Miss Louise Emerson '51, and a play school teacher.

At 4:00 P. M. members of the New Haven Regional group of the Y.S.N. Alumnae Association will be hostesses at a tea at Nathan Smith Hall.

In the event that any alumna plans to stay overnight and accommodations are desired, please notify the Alumnae office at 310 Cedar Street, New Haven, Connecticut.

We'll see you on the 24th!

### COMMENCEMENT PREVIEW

The 1951 Commencement will be held June 11, and plans are underway for the celebration. There will be six reunion classes this year: 1926, 1931, 1936, 1941, 1946, 1946W. This will be the 25th anniversary for the Class of 1926!

### 1951 DUES

Bills for your 1951 dues are now being mailed, and are payable at your earliest convenience. A limited number of the Y.S.N. Alumnae Directories are still available for those who did not receive the directory last year, and will be sent to the first alumnae who send in their 1951 dues. This is your Association and it can accomplish its purpose only with your support.

### CONNECTICUT N.L.N.E.

Mrs. Carolyn Ladd Widmer '29 was elected President of the Connecticut State League of Nursing Education in November. Miss Annie W. Goodrich, Dean Emeritus of the Yale University School of Nursing was elected to Life membership in the League.

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### ISABEL WEBER '37

In January of 1951 Isabel Weber died in Geneva, Illinois, after a short illness. Miss Weber received her B.A. degree in 1931 from Wellesley College. Her mother was a Registered Nurse, and her aunt, Ada Belle McCleery, a great nursing leader. After majoring in English and Dramatics at college, and teaching for several years, Miss Weber entered Yale University School of Nursing and received her Master of Nursing degree in 1937.

Following her graduation, she was a member of the faculty of the School of Nursing from 1937 to 1939. She then accepted a position as instructor at Knapp College of Nursing in Santa Barbara, California. In 1941 she became Director of that hospital, and retained the position until 1944, when she became Director of Nurses at the Oak Ridge Hospital, Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In 1948 she attended the University of Chicago as a student in hospital administration.

In September 1950 Miss Weber began her duties as Administrator of the Elizabeth Steele Magee Hospital in Pittsburgh. She was on Christmas vacation from the hospital when she was stricken ill.

### CLASS OF 1950

Cards, letters and the good old grapevine indicate that the Class of 1950 has made its beginning in the field of graduate nursing. Nineteen graduates have positions as institutional staff nurses

throughout the United States from Connecticut to California. Eight are active workers in public health departments and visiting nurse associations. Three are clinical instructors in schools of nursing.

Two have ranks of Ensign in the U. S. Navy Nurse Corps. One graduate is a Lieutenant in the Air Force Nurse Corps; another is with the American Friends Service Committee in Calcutta. A graduate is night supervisor in a children's hospital; another is a graduate student in the Y.S.N. advanced programs in mental health nursing; still another is a student at the School of Missions in Hartford. Careers are many and varied, and are off to a good start!

### DR. MARIA VAITCH '29

From Dr. Maria Vaitch (Manya Vaic) in Belgrade, Yugoslavia came a letter in December: "I was cogitating about the Yale faculty and its students a great deal these last weeks. Because we had a gathering of all the people in charge of our schools. Actually they differ so much from the school I founded at Skopje—once upon a time. It was a great satisfaction and a pleasure to realize the best schools are those where nurses themselves are the leaders. Most of these nurses were my own pupils twenty years ago. A new generation, indeed. Really I cannot believe I am to be 50 years of age next year, for in spite of all the experiences, both pleasant and painful, I do feel so young in spirit and more a friend than a mother to the new generation. The schools are progressing nicely. The greatest problem being the young age of our pupils. Their trouble is not in learning, but in developing the sense of responsibility."

Dr. Vaitch received her M.D. degree from the University of Zagreb (Yugoslavia) in 1926, and came to the Yale University School of Nursing as a Rockefeller Foundation fellowship student. Following her graduation she returned to Yugoslavia and at present is supervisor of schools of nursing there.





Progress on the new unit of the Grace-New Haven Community Hospital as observed from the corner of Oak and York Streets

### ANNIE W. GOODRICH

In November Miss Annie W. Goodrich, our Dean Emeritus, again suffered an accident at her home in Far Hills, Colchester, Connecticut, and sustained a small fracture of the pelvis. She was confined to the New Haven Hospital on Tompkins 3 for two months, and left in the middle of January to convalesce at Nathan Smith Hall.

### DATA FROM THE DEAN

The usual exuberance that comes with a New Year has been considerably overshadowed by the critical state of the world. It seems to me that two things are necessary. One is to remember that from the "cosmic" point of view this is but a fleeting moment of history in the evolution of the human race; the other is to do the best job we can because, regardless of what happens, our efforts of today will have an effect on the future. The immediate task for our school seems quite plain—to increase the enrollment as much as possible without weakening the program. College students are thinking

seriously of their future role as contributors to citizenship and democracy and we must make an all-out effort to guide them into a profession which will serve them in good stead, and in which they can be of real service, whether the state of the world be war or peace. We are increasing our contacts with colleges and we shall doubtless call on many individual alumnae to assist in this appeal. On our 27th birthday, February 5, counselors and deans of women will meet here for luncheon and a conference. They will also attend the general assembly for students and faculty at 4 o'clock in the Historical Library. President Griswold, Dr. Darling and Miss Lucile Petry will be the Assembly speakers.

Yale's new president was inaugurated in October, and in December he attended a regular meeting of the Faculty Council of our school, where he expressed his warm interest in our work and his belief that a college education is as essential for nursing as for any other profession.

Members of the faculty are working hard and with commendable results on the

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various committees which were reorganized last year. Improvements have already been noted in the curriculum of the first term and in the method of teaching Nutrition; we are about to inaugurate a program labelled "Medicine and Surgery II" which means experience on Tompkins 2 and Howard 3 with correlated classes on the medical and surgical aspects of tuberculosis and other chest conditions. Other faculty committees are working on the improvement of teaching in the out-patient department and in psychiatric nursing. This term the first year students are to have three 2-hour periods with Dr. Esther Lucile Brown.

#### NORTHWEST REGIONAL

From Peggy Markham Sparkman '46 in Seattle recent letters indicate a great deal of activity concerning student recruitment for Yale in the Northwest Regional group. In response to their request the Alumnae office sent a package of printed materials, pamphlets, booklets, bulletins, pictures and brochures which are to be used for future recruitment purposes.

On December 27 a tea was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Edward Speir (Shirley Shingle '32), to which had been invited

prospective students and faculty advisors. Six high school students and one faculty advisor attended. Throughout the brief program and in their informal chatting with students the alumnae encouraged entrance into any accredited school of nursing, feeling that with the shortage of nurses it is more important to attract nurses per se than exclusively Yale nurses.

The response by mail was more encouraging. Some ten colleges wrote that they were posting the invitation for the tea and would gladly accept any further information about the Yale School of Nursing to keep on file in their Guidance Departments.

The Alumnae office in New Haven will be pleased to send recruitment material to other regional groups who may request it. This is a fine program of endeavor and worthy of your support.

#### ALUMNAE NEWS

Among the thousand alumnae of the Yale University School of Nursing are many who are engaged in interesting and unusual work. Share your interests with others, and send us news about your activities.

